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Queensland.—During the last week in April, 2 fresh cases of plague were registered in Brisbane.

Cholera.

Turkey.—According to an official report dated May 10, cholera has broken out in epidemic form on the Bahrein Islands in the Persian Gulf.

Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended May 21 was higher than it had been during the four preceding weeks, amounting, calculated on the year, to 14.8 per thousand of the population, and was thus also higher than the rate for the corresponding week of last year, in which it amounted to 13.9 per thousand. In spite of this increase, however, more than two-thirds of the large German towns and cities showed less favorable health conditions than Berlin, the following places having considerably higher death rates than this city, namely: Hamburg, Bremen, Düsseldorf, Cassel, Dresden, Rixdorf (with 18.1), Munich, Nuremberg, Leipzig, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Halle, Magdeburg, Breslau, as well as London, Paris, and Vienna. The following cities, on the other hand, showed more favorable figures than Berlin, viz: Cologne, Hanover, Altona, Charlottenburg (with 10 per thousand), and Schöneberg. There was a slight increase in the number of deaths among children in the first year of life, the increased mortality being mainly among the higher age classes. The infant death rate amounted to 3.4 per year and mille and was thus lower than the Hamburg, Munich, and Breslau rates. There was no important change in connection with acute intestinal diseases, which caused 35 deaths. Acute diseases of the respiratory organs claimed 60 victims. Furthermore, there were registered: 94 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis, 43 deaths from cancer, 15 deaths from measles, 3 deaths from diphtheria, and 1 death from scarlet fever. Finally, 6 persons died by violence.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended May 28 was higher than it has been since the middle of April, amounting, calculated on the year, to 15.9 per thousand of the population against 14.8 in the preceding week, thus being also higher than the rate for the same week of last year, in which it amounted to 14.3. In spite of this increase, however, two-thirds of the large towns and cities of Germany showed less favorable health conditions than Berlin, the following places having a considerably higher death rate than this city, viz: Dresden, Leipzig, Hamburg, Bremen, Nuremberg, Frankfurt on the Main, Cologne, Magdeburg, Rixdorf (with 18.1), Munich, Stuttgart, Strassburg, Breslau, as well as Paris and Vienna, while the following cities showed more favorable figures than Berlin, namely: Karlsruhe, Cassel, Aix la Chapelle, Hanover, Schöneberg (with 13.9), Charlottenburg (with 12.9), and London. There was no noteworthy increase in the number of deaths among children in the first year of life, the increased mortality being principally among the higher age classes. The infant death rate amounted to 3.6 per year and mille and was thus lower than the Hamburg and Leipzig figures and about half the Munich rate. Acute intestinal diseases showed a heavy increase and claimed 53 victims, while 15 persons succumbed to cholera. There was no important change regarding acute diseases of the respiratory organs, which caused 58 deaths (including 5 from influenza). There were 98 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis, and cancer claimed 47 victims. There were

also registered 14 deaths from measles, 8 deaths from scarlet fever, 5 deaths from diphtheria, 1 death from enteric, and, finally, 18 persons died by violence.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Peters reports as follows: Week ended June 20, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; 2 deaths; prevailing diseases, malarial. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
June 14	Belize	17
14	Olympia	41	1	2
16	Laguna	8

The steamship Olympia and schooner Laguna cleared from Puerto Barrios.

HONDURAS.

Report from Ceiba, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows: Week ended June 25, 1904. Present officially estimated population, about 4,000; no deaths. Prevailing diseases, malarial. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
June 19	Volund	18	0	0	0
22	Alliance	15	0	0	0
22	Schr. Union	6	0	0	0

Report from Puerto Cortez, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter reports as follows: Week ended June 21, 1904. Present officially estimated population, 2,125; no deaths; prevailing disease, malarial fever of mild type. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
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June 16	Olympia	41	11	5	0
16	Alliance	15	0	0	0
18	Espana	14	0	3	0
19	Gyller	14	0	0	0
20	Helen	20	7	0	0

Number of aliens sailing from this port during week, 4.